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SURVEY OF AFGHAN PEOPLE (SAP +)

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OVERVIEW

USAID seeks to build Afghan capacity to conduct annual national-level public opinion research and disseminate results through “The Survey of the Afghan People” program, which is implemented by The Asia Foundation. The program supports survey research and drives substantive policy discourse on issues such as security, governance, rule of law, freedom of speech, economic growth, disability issues, migration and other important topics. The program works to improve the ability of Afghan researchers and government officials to conduct data analysis and encourage data-driven policy making. The first survey was conducted in 2004. The polling data has been a respected source of information about public attitudes, which is used by policy makers, civil society organizations, donors, and journalists to gain a better perspective of Afghan views on current social, economic, and political issues.

In 2018, SAP was modified to extend the period of performance by three years and add the following two new surveys:

1. National Disability Survey of Afghanistan (NDSA): This survey will be conducted in 2018 to provide up-to-date disability data for planning and developing victim assistance programming, and to support the effectiveness and capacities of the Government of Afghanistan to address the needs of people with disabilities. The main objective of the NDSA is to provide evidence-based data for use in defining policies and planning programs that are relevant, efficient, and sustainable for people with disabilities in all provinces.
2. Survey of Afghan Returnees (SAR): The survey will be conducted in 2018, 2019, and 2020. The aim is to collect information from returnees in the five provinces of Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Jalalabad, and Balkh. The respondents will be asked questions regarding challenges, job skills, expectations of the government, access to education and healthcare services, and their economic and housing conditions.

ACTIVITIES

- Nationwide Public Opinion Survey: Conduct annual surveys using a progressively refined methodology that covers all provinces and includes a sample size of more than 9,500 respondents
- Capacity-Building for Afghan Researchers: Conduct Introductory Data Analysis training for Afghan government officials and researchers; and develop and publish the first-ever Dari language textbook on statistics and data analysis using Stata Software.
- National Disability Survey of Afghanistan (NDSA): Conduct the survey across all 34 provinces with a sample size of 12,000 households, and provide estimates for the national level.
- Survey of Afghan Returnees: Interview 4000 individuals representing 2000 returnees and 2000 host community members. This consists of 400 samples each from Kabul, Jalalabad, Kandahar, Balkh, and Herat.

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